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SUBJ: LEBANON: DEPLOYMENT OF LAF UNITS

1. UN SOURCE HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JULY 25 FROM UN REP SAUNDERS IN BEIRUT SENT TO GUYER (UNNY), SIILASVUO AND ERSKINE (UNIFIL).

2. BEGIN TEXT. IN MEETING WITH AIME AND ME 25 JULY, PRIME MINISTER HOSS SAID PRESIDENT SARKIS, FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AND HE HAD HELD LONG MEETING 24 JULY AND DECIDED THAT ELEMENTS LEBANESE ARMY SHOULD BE SENT TO SOUTH LEBANON. HE UNDERLINED PRIORITY GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING TO MATTER AND NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MEETING FOR SUCH PURPOSE WAS HELD ALTHOUGH 24 JULY WAS THIRD DAY OF CONTINUING FIGHTING IN EAST BEIRUT BETWEEN ADF AND CHRISTIAN FRONT TROOPS WITH WHICH DANGEROUS SITUATION ALL THREE ARE DEEPLY PREOCCUPIED. --- THE POLITICAL DECISION HAVING THUS BEEN TAKEN, THE TASK OF PLANNING AND EXECUTING THE MOVE WAS IN THE HANDS OF GENERAL
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KHOURY, WHO HAD JOINED THE THREE OF THEM AT THEIR MEETING ON 24 JULY. KHOURY HAD EXPLAINED PLANNING ALREADY DONE BY HIS STAFF AND WITH MAPS HAD EXPLAINED TO THEM WHAT WAS IN PREPARATION.

---THE FIRST TROOPS TO GO WOULD MOVE "VERY SOON" AND THE PRECISE DATE WAS TO BE SETTLED BY KHOURY. INITIALLY DISPATCHED

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WOULD BE ONE BATALLION. ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WOULD BE SENT PROMPTLY AND AS SOON AS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST TROOPS SHOWED ALL WAS GOING WELL. AS SOON AS THE LEADING LEBANESE ARMY TROOPS REACHED THE EDGE OF THE UNIFIL-CONTROLLED AREA, MAJORS HADDAD AND CHIDIAC WOULD BE ORDERED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRUT.

---THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE QUICKLY REGARDING THE MANDATE OF UNIFIL AND THOUGH THE QUESTION HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE WOULD BE REQUESTED AND CERTAINLY WITH NO FEWER UN TROOPS THAN WERE ALREADY IN LEBANON.

---AIME IS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON DISCUSSIONS CUQ AND HE HAD WITH LEBANESE ARMY GHQ ON 24 JULY . END TEXT.

3. AIME'S MESSAGE NOT RECEIVED UNHQ JERUSALEM.
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